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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the documents is described in the present specification. English translations of the Japanese documents are not readily available, English language abstracts have been provided. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Japanese abstract No. 08204715 relates to Japanese patent No. 2702429 and International abstract No. 95/27384 relates to Japanese patent No. 9-511111 which are cited in the specification.

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully summated,

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